

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the final Office action dated May 4, 2007. Claims 1-19, 27-30, 33, 34, 36, and 37 were pending in the application and were examined. By this paper, claims 1, 3, 10, and 12 are amended, claims 6, 8, 17, 19, and 27-30 are cancelled, and claims 38-42 are added. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5, 7, 9-16, 18, 33, 34, and 36-42 will be pending in the application.

At the outset, Applicants submit that the amendments made herein and the new claims presented herein are based on allowable subject matter found in the application and are intended to conclude prosecution and put the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants believe there is good and sufficient reason why the amendments and new claims should be considered and entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

I. Petition for Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority

Applicants submit that the instant application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/434,168 (*Frederiksson et al.* - U.S. 2005/0260493) pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority (copy enclosed) concurrently filed with this amendment. The specification of the instant application has been amended to include a reference to U.S. Application No. 10/434,168. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as it is made to help conclude prosecution of the instant application and to help place the application in condition for allowance.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the finding of allowable subject matter in the application, including that described in claims 27-30. In addition, and as discussed in more detail below, Applicants submit that dependent claims 8, 17, and 19 also include allowable subject matter in view of the priority claim now made in the instant application.

III. Claim Analysis

Claims 3 and 12 have been amended as suggested in the Office action. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

IV. Claim Rejections: 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-19, 33, 34, 36, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Frederiksson et al.* (U.S. 2005/0260493). Applicants traverse this rejection in view of the priority claim now made in the instant application.

As previously stated, Applicants submit that the instant application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/434,168 (*Frederiksson et al.* - U.S. 2005/0260493) pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority. Because the instant application now claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 10/434,168, its claims cannot be anticipated by U.S. Application No. 10/434,168 (*Frederiksson et al.* - U.S. 2005/0260493). Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of these claims is respectfully requested.

V. Claim Rejections: 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9-12, 15, 16, 18, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over *Arias et al.* (U.S. 5,916,709). Claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 36, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over *Arias et al.* in view of *Mrotek et al.* (U.S. 5,688,615). These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the amendments made herein to claims 1 and 10 (discussed in more detail below).

Applicants note that dependent claims 8, 17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Frederiksson et al.*, but were not rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Arias et al.* or over *Arias et al.* in view of *Mrotek et al.* Accordingly, Applicants submit that at least dependent claims 8, 17, and 19 include allowable subject matter in view of the priority claim to U.S. Application No. 10/434,168 (*Frederiksson et al.* - U.S. 2005/0260493) now made in the instant application.

Claim 1 is amended to include the features of dependent claim 8 (and intermediate dependent claim 6), and claims 6 and 8 are cancelled. Applicants submit that claim 1 is now in allowable form. Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 33, and 36 depend from claim 1 and are submitted as allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 is amended to include the features of dependent claim 17, and claim 17 is cancelled. Applicants submit that claim 10 is now in allowable form. Claims 11-16, 18, 34 and 37 depend from claim 10 and are submitted as allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10. Favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

VI. New Claims

Claims 38-42 are added by this amendment to incorporate features of allowable dependent claims 19 and 27-30 (claims 19 and 27-30 have been cancelled). For example, new claim 38 includes features of independent claim 10 and dependent claim 19. New claim 39 includes features of independent claim 10 and dependent claim 27. And new claims 40-42 generally correspond to dependent claims 28-30, but are rewritten to depend from new claim 39. No new matter is added by these claims. Favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the Office action rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the instant application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the instant application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$110.00 extension fee herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-0750** for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Copy of Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority